
THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: More than those who watch for the morning, we wait faithfully for God.

People: With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations, we wait faithfully for God.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the Lord our God together, and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 210** *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us; so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

****Declaration of Pardon**

****Hymn 579** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen."*

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Children are dismissed to their class.

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

The Reading from the Gospels

John 11:1-45

...see insert...

Reader: The gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon

"A Hopeless Cause?"

****Hymn 316**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

****Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(debts/debtors)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

****Hymn** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* **DOXOLOGY**

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Amen.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

****Hymn 391**

"Take My Life"

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

****please stand as you are able**

First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 ~ 11 a.m.

*Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish
Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney*

Please silence cell phones prior to worship.



(The Raising of Lazarus by Rembrandt circa 1630-1632)

We welcome everyone to this hour of worship. It is our prayer that this time will be meaningful to you as you worship. As we prepare for this holy time, let us center our thoughts on the Christ who loves us supremely.